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J.Ivey, M.Riker Win At-Large P.G. County Council Primary

by Erica Johns

This article has been corrected from the print version.

Democrat Jolene Ivey and Republican Michael Riker are expected to win the August 6 Prince George's County Council special primary election for the at-large council seat vacated by former Councilmember Mel Franklin, in unofficial results provided by the County Board of Elections as of 10 p.m. on election night. Ivey received 9,065 votes and Riker received 478 votes. The results are unofficial until certified by the State Board of Elections, expected approximately 10 days after the election. The two primary winners will face each other in the November 5 general election.

Franklin resigned in June 2024, a week before he was



PHOTO COURTESY JOLENE IVEY

Jolene Ivey



PHOTO COURTESY MICHAEL RIKER

Michael Riker

charged with embezzlement of his campaign funds for personal expenses. The council's two at-large seats were added by a November 2016 referendum, and first filled in November 2018 elections by then current councilmembers Calvin Hawkins and Franklin.

Ivey (62, Cheverly) is the current County Council Chair and represents Council District 5 (Bladensburg, Cheverly, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Edmonston,

Fairmount Heights, Glenarden, Landover, Springdale, portions of Lanham, Mitchellville, and parts of unincorporated Bowie and Hyattsville). Ivey was first elected to council in 2018, and reelected in 2022. Fellow councilmembers unanimously elected her as chair in December 2023.

The council website says she chairs the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee, and serves on the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, and the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment Committee. She served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 2007 to 2015. Her husband is U.S. Representative Glenn Ivey and her son Julian Ivey is a state delegate.

She cited prioritizing schools and public safety without raising taxes on residents, after the council resolved a \$171 million deficit amid state-mandated education spending increases. When asked how her campaign would prevent

See **PRIMARY**, page 6

In Tie-Dye Artful Afternoon Artists Find Their Colors

by Amy Hansen



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Daren Jacobs guides his children Cameron and Sasha through the tie-dyeing process.

Vanessa Zanin folded a small T-shirt in half. "You make a rectangle," she explained to Bode Kroll-Rosen, age 5. "Then you make triangles." Zanin folded the shirt as one would fold a flag. After demonstrating, Zanin undid her folds, backed up and suggested that Bode and his

grandmother, Aileen Kroll, try it themselves.

Folding is the first part of the tie-dye project that Zanin led for the Artful Afternoon on Sunday, August 4. Standing in front of the Community Center, with

See **TIE-DYE**, page 12

Labor Day Festival Solicits Photos, Artwork and More

by Anne Gardner



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Photo show organizer Keith Zevallos stands with some of the winning entries in September 2017.

The 70th annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival will be here in just three weeks, so it is time to choose one's best photos and artwork to enter in the Art and Photo Show, register to march in the parade, brush up a party piece to perform at the Rising Stars showcase and decide which homemade items to enter into the Retro Town Fair.

There is a new category this year for the Photo Show: Living Love and Peace. The other categories are: Proud America, Those Who Serve and Protect Us, Greener Living in Greenbelt, Landscapes (Sunrise/Sunset or other), People (Adults & Families or Children), Flowers, Wild Animals & Nature, Pets, Travel, Buildings & Architecture, Still Life/Pictorial/Abstract and Produced in a Dark Room. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place

will be awarded separately to adults and young photographers 12 and under. Participants may enter a maximum of two photos, which must be framed and ready to hang.

The Art Show awards ribbons for various age groups in the following categories: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture/3D, Fine Crafts and Flower Arranging. For youth there is also a Prints/Collages category, and adults have the additional category of Prints/Hand-pulled/Digital as well as separate painting categories for oil, acrylic and watercolor.

Art and photos should be brought to the Community Center gym on Thursday, August 29 between 5 and 8 p.m. Judging will take place on Friday and the shows will be open to the

See **FESTIVAL**, page 12

Worksession Reviews Fourth Quarter Activities, Names Goals

by Michael Zeliff

Greenbelt City Council held a worksession on Wednesday, July 31 in order for City Manager Josué Salmerón and the heads of city departments to review their activities during Fiscal Year 2024's fourth quarter and identify current goals. Salmerón began by noting continued efforts to improve procedures and retain records within city government. Even though Greenbelt faced and closed a \$3 million deficit, staff was able to fill two crisis intervention positions that are vital in addressing trauma and crisis within our community. Furthermore, Greenbelt added over 1,300

new subscribers to those who already receive emails from the city and open them at an impressive 56 percent rate. Among priorities looking forward, Salmerón singled out the Justice, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative

(DEI) and further improvements to infrastructure as important areas for the city to concentrate its efforts.

Public Works

With regard to the latter, See **WORKSESSION**, page 8

What Goes On

Monday, August 12
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, August 14
7:30 p.m., No Meeting, Council Retreat,

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

National Night Out



PHOTO BY MATTHEW NEUS

Kids line up for a chance to extinguish a flame at Greenbelt's National Night Out behind Beltway Plaza on Tuesday, August 6. See next week's issue for a story and more photos.

Letters to the Editor

Clarification

Regarding last week’s article “New Deal Café Picks New Vendor...,” due to a conflation of circumstances, certain salient points were left out of the article in the submission and editing process.

To be clear to our members and guests, the New Deal Café (NDC) will not simply be a third location for a Kenny’s Kale restaurant offering kale as a primary ingredient. Kenny Hilliard envisions a menu selection that will include foods that meet a wide variety of dietary needs and lifestyle choices, and, at the same time, will ensure the use of separate grill spaces and fryers for vegan and vegetarian food preparation and cooking to prevent the contamination of those areas with animal-based ingredients. The Café will provide breakfast, lunch and dinner entrée options, as well as late night/bar snack

options at the Café for omnivores, vegetarians and vegans, as well as gluten-free options and mindfulness about food allergies.

For the NDC board, this was not an easy decision as we recognize the many non-financial benefits for our community in partnering with the Co-op. The Café board deeply appreciates the hard work that Dan Gillotte and Raul Baptiste, as well as their entire staff, have put into the effort of keeping the doors of the Café open during and in the aftermath of the pandemic, initially extending the hours of the Café and introducing new and creative culinary delights. The Café board welcomes comments from the community, newdealcafe@gmail.com.

John Campanile,
New Deal Café Board

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SHOWTIMES:
AUGUST 9th - 15th

It Ends with Us (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2024) (130 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM
Mon. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Wed. 5:15 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sun. 11:30 AM, 2:15 PM
Tues. 7:30 PM

Twisters (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2024) (122 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:15 PM
Tues. 7:45 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:15 PM, 8:15 PM
Sat. 5:15 PM, 8:15 PM
Mon. 2:15 PM, 5:15 PM
Wed. 7:45 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM

Shakespeare in Love (R) (1998) (123 mins)

Sponsored by
The Rude Mechanicals!
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sun. 5:00 PM

The Kids are Alright (PG) (1979) (109 mins)

Summer Concert Series
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Wed. 8:00 PM

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) (CC) (DVS) (2014) (105 mins)

School’s Out - Free! - Sponsored by Rad Orthodontics
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Thurs. 1:00 PM

Twilight (PG-13) (2008) (122 mins)

Cult Classic
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Thurs. 8:00 PM



Corrections

In last week’s article about an increase in Greenbelt’s total crime rate, the numbers of crimes were reported incorrectly. The total reported Greenbelt crime has risen 81.8 percent – from 948 reported cases to 1,717 – between 2012 and 2023. The numbers of individual crimes were also incorrect, though the trends were accurate. This article has been corrected in the online version.

Last week’s article about the new food vendor for the New Deal Café was written by a collaboration of News Review reporters from a draft provided by John Campanile. Campanile is the New Deal Café’s president.

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- Payment must accompany ads except by prior arrangement.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center’s east door near the Municipal Building.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

It Ends with Us

The film tells the story of Lily Bloom (Blake Lively), a woman who overcomes a traumatic childhood to embark on a new life in Boston and chase a lifelong dream of opening her own business. A chance meeting with charming neurosurgeon Ryle Kincaid (Justin Baldoni) sparks an intense connection, but as the two fall deeply in love, Lily begins to see sides of Ryle that remind her of her parents’ relationship. When her first love, Atlas Corrigan, suddenly reenters her life, her relationship with Ryle is upended, and Lily realizes she must learn to rely on her own strength to make an impossible choice for her future.

Twisters

Daisy Edgar-Jones stars as Kate Cooper, a former storm chaser haunted by a devastating encounter with a tornado during her college years who now studies storm patterns on screens safely in New York City. Lured back to the open plains by her friend Javi (Anthony Ramos) to test a groundbreaking new tracking system, she crosses paths with Tyler Owens (Glen Powell), the charming and reckless social-media superstar who posts his storm-chasing adventures with his raucous crew, the more dangerous the better. As storm season intensifies, terrifying phenomena never seen before are unleashed, and the two competing teams find themselves in the fight of their lives squarely in the paths of multiple storm systems converging over central Oklahoma.

Shakespeare in Love

A romantic comedy for the 1990s set in the 1590s, the film imaginatively unfolds the witty, sexy and timeless tale behind the creation of the greatest love story ever told. A young Shakespeare (Joseph Fiennes) is out of cash and ideas, he meets his ideal woman (Gwyneth Paltrow) and she inspires him to write one of his most famous plays.

The Kids Are Alright


This pioneering rock music documentary combines promotional footage, television appearances and production crew- and fan-shot footage of rock legends The Who – on tour, in the studio and in their daily lives from 1964 until just before drummer Keith Moon’s death in September 1978. The film includes historic performances at Woodstock, guitar smashing on The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour and career-spanning hits from My Generation to Pinball Wizard.

How to Train Your Dragon 2


Five years have passed since Hiccup and Toothless united the dragons and Vikings of Berk. During one of their adventures, the pair discover a secret cave that houses hundreds of wild dragons – and a mysterious dragon rider who turns out to be Hiccup’s long-lost mother, Valka (Cate Blanchett). The two find themselves at the center of a battle to protect Berk from a power-hungry warrior named Drago.

Twilight

High-school student Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart), always a bit of a misfit, doesn’t expect life to change much when she moves from sunny Arizona to rainy Washington state. Then she meets Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), a vampire whose family does not drink blood, and Bella, far from being frightened, enters into a dangerous romance with her immortal soulmate.




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TH 8/08	FRI 8/09	SAT 8/10	SUN 8/11
FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Vibe Collective 7-9pm Classic & original Afro-Cuban jazz	Dave Chappell Band 7:10pm Multiple-Wammie winning roots rock/blues band. NDC FAV	COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE W/ KATY GAUGHAN, 3:30-5p 49 Cent Dress SPCL TIME: 7:30-10:30p Tasty mix of rock with a dash of blues & soul WEEKEND!	DEAF BRUNCH, 10:30-12pm Reggie Right Eye & the Missing Pieces 6-8pm Blues, roots rock, rockabilly and originals.

MON 8/12	TUES 8/13	WED 8/14	TH 8/15	SPECIALS!
MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT, 4-9pm DRAG BINGO W/ D'MANDA MARTINI, 7-9pm	NDC Open Mic w/ Tom Gleason 7-9:30pm Sign-ups at 6:15p. New performers welcome!	Coyote Trail 7-9pm NEW TO NDC! Alt-country Americana; eclectic mix of classics	FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm The Paulverizers 7-9pm Hard driving' blues	HAPPY HOUR 4-7pm \$1 OFF BEER AND WINE WINE WEDNESDAY \$1 OFF PER GLASS \$5 OFF A BOTTLE

Join NDC! Go to NewDealCafe(dot) com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."

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Contact: jbelltower@yahoo.com. We promise: It won't hurt!

Young Summer Campers Learn About Tools of Peace Building

by Michael James Park



M.J. Parks leads a group of peace campers in nonviolent skills.

Little Friends for Peace (LFFP), a nonprofit organization dedicated to answering violence with skills for peace since 1981, sailed their Peace Boats into Greenbelt for the third time from July 22 through 26. This year’s Peace Camp theme, Sailing into Peace, provided a framework to discuss metaphors around conflict resolution, such as how each person is a boat that can encounter rough seas but, with the proper tools, can sail smoothly.

Peace Campers from Greenbelt and surrounding areas gathered to experience, learn and practice the tools of peace building. The Greenbelt Community Church, with its beautiful trees and welcoming community, provided an ideal setting for the camp. Campers also enjoyed a ride on the Peace Train. Highlights included the Peace Museum set up by LFFP, featuring a mini Peace Post Office and flags from different countries.

LFFP’s mission is to interrupt a culture of violence with skills that prevent, resolve and transform conflict. The organization believes that learning peace at

any age can help counter violence with peace skills. Their vision is a world where relationships are based on respect and acceptance, conflicts end in reconciliation, and where everyone is safe, cared for and able to realize their unique potential.

At Peace Camp, participants are taught nonviolent peace tools to help everyone live and practice peace. LFFP hopes to return to Greenbelt in 2025.

Michael James Park is campaign director for Little Friends for Peace.



GILA Holds Memorial Service at the Festival

Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association is holding their Greenbelt Resident Memorial Service at the Labor Day Festival on Sunday, September 1. Those who have a relative or friend who died between Labor Day 2023 and the present are asked to review the list on greenbeltinterfaith.org. Click the Memorials 2024 tab in the far right of the top bar for the list. Use the contact form to send any changes, corrections or additions.

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 - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
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*Live-streamed on Facebook and available on our YouTube page later.

Our Neighbors

The New Deal Café has received recognition in three categories in the Washington City Paper’s Best of D.C. 2024.

The Board of the New Deal Café congratulates its food and beverage manager Dan Gillotte, Café manager Raul Baptiste and music coordinator Liz Springer for a job well done.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

“Thou hadst inquired which of the Prophets of God should be regarded as superior to others. Know thou assuredly that the essence of all the Prophets of God is one and the same. Their unity is absolute.” – Bahá’u’lláh

Greenbelt Bahá’í Community

www.greenbeltbahais.org

The Bible Says...

Then they cried out to the Lord
in their trouble;
He saved them out of their distresses.
Psalm 107:19

Sunday Worship Services

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August 11, 2024 at 3:00 pm
All Things New

Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

In the spirit of August’s theme (Change), we’ll explore the concept of change being a universal constant of the life experience – and all the ways that change impacts our life relationships.

Streaming on PBUUC’s Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

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Fellowship/Bible Study:
11:00am

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Petitions and Requests
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Recognition of Greenbelt Police Officers
- License Plate Reading Camera Project Update

* Minutes

- Administrative Reports

* Committee Reports

* Board of Elections Report #2024-03: Noncitizen Voting Legislation

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases From Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars -1st Reading
- A Resolution to Amend City Charter Section 15, "Voters"; Section 18, "Registration for Election; Universal Registration"; Section 19, "Registration"; Section 26, "Voter Identity"; Section 33, "Appeals"; to All Noncitizen Residents to Vote in Local City Elections - 1st Reading
- An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 8, "Elections", of the Greenbelt City Code, in Order to Revise Section 8-2 "Voter Registration" to Allow Noncitizen Residents of the City of Greenbelt to Vote in the City of Greenbelt Elections - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Axon Contract Renewal - Police Body Camera, Tasers, & Related Training
- Stop Sign Ordinance
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
* Meetings
- Online Bill Pay
* Council Approval - Vehicle 607 Engine Rebuild/Replacement
* Stakeholders
* Granicus Website Renewal
* Acceptance of Recommendation to Approve the GATe TV Recognition Group Application
* Buddy Attick Lake Park - Change Order
* Resignation/Appointment to Advisory Board

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 8

Thursday, August 8 at 5:30 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS - VIRTUAL**, Agenda TBD

Thursday, August 8 at 7:30 pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB) - VIRTUAL**, Agenda TBD

Friday, August 9 at 12 pm, **ETHICS COMMISSION - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**, Agenda TBD

MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 12 - 16

Tuesday, August 13 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, On the Agenda: Discuss the ACT Report on the Buddy Attick Park Master Plan

Wednesday, August 14, **NO MEETING - COUNCIL RETREAT**

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

August Registration Open

YOU MUST REGISTER EACH MONTH.

Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

To register: <https://forms.gle/q92AAhgUyNhQ43UU8> or call Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302.



BUDDY ATTICK PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN WORK SESSION

Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

The Buddy Attick Park (BAP) Draft Master Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BAPMP>.

A City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30pm in the Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road). The City Council Work Session is open to the public. If you would like to provide written feedback, please send your comments to BAPproject@greenbeltmd.gov by Friday, October 4, 2024.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- Pink Pantry Opn Registration.** This quarterly program assists low-income Greenbelt residents to access free menstrual products. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- Greenbelt Nursery Project.** Our Greenbelt Nursery project is dedicated to supporting families with young children. We provide 6 Home Visits that offer personalized care and resources. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- Emergency Diaper Distribution.** Must register <https://forms.gle/q92AAhgUyNhQ43UU8>. Call (240) 424-0302.
- Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Lower Level Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: August 15, from 1 - 3 pm
- Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (Greenbelt West Residents Only)
Upcoming Dates: August 15, from 3 - 4:15 pm

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CAREsprogram and see additional page!



BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

Tuesday, August 20, 10 am - 1 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Join us for our 'Back-to-School Health Fair! Meet organizations devoted to strengthening community connections - providing resources about health insurance, mental health services, and city educational programming.

Free dental screenings, vision screenings, fun activities and more! The first 100 families to register and attend will receive free school supplies.

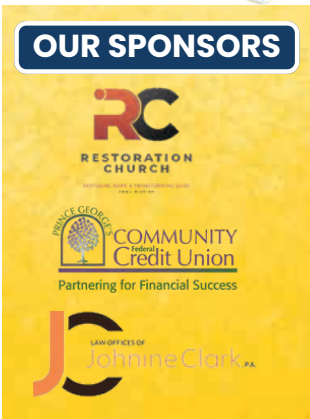
Registration is required. We kindly ask that children be present at the event to receive giveaways.

To register, call (240) 424-0302 or visit <https://forms.gle/DjhpsAjjFd5zFBv7>.

¡Que iniciamos este año escolar con buena salud!

Conozca organizaciones locales dedicadas al fortalecimiento de nuestra comunidad - proporcionando recursos acerca del seguro médico, salud mental y programas educativos en nuestra comunidad. ¡Evaluaciones dentales gratis, exámenes de la vista gratis, actividades recreativas y más! Las primeras 100 familias que se registren y asistan recibirán útiles escolares o tarjeta de regalo para alimentos.

Para registrarse, llame (240) 424-0302 o <https://forms.gle/DjhpsAjjFd5zFBv7>.



INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR A CITY MANAGER ANNUAL EVALUATION AND GOAL-SETTING PROCESS

DUE DATE: August 12, 2024

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, invites you to submit a Firm-Fixed Price proposal for a City Manager's Annual Evaluation and Goal-Setting Process. We are seeking a facilitated performance evaluation process that builds on goal-setting to provide effective organizational leadership and support. This requires a shared vision of the future, goals, agreement on roles, and accountability for achieving expectations.

Currently, we have an evaluation process based on a maximum of a three percent performance increase within budgetary alignment. The performance evaluation comprises 15 areas to be rated and 20 for supervisory positions. The rating is based on a 5-point scale where (1) is the lowest possible rating, (3) is a satisfactory rating, and (5) is the highest rating a staff member could achieve. To receive a total three percent merit increase, a staff member must be rated a (4) or a (5) in the following areas: Quantity of Work, Quality of Work, Dependability, and Working with Others. This current process does not allow for goal setting.

The desired outcome is to have a potential vendor create and implement a facilitated performance evaluation process that builds on the goal-setting process and allows the Councilmembers and the manager to strengthen their partnership in their respective roles.

Vendors must submit must an electronic proposal (PDF) that includes: The Organizational Background, Services, which include the proposed work plan detailing each process in facilitating and implementing the performance evaluation that builds on goal setting, References and Professional fees. The city shall make all decisions regarding this advertisement at its sole and absolute discretion. Any changes to the conditions and specifications will be in the form of a written addendum.

Vendor Responses to this advertisement must be submitted by the close of business on Monday, August 12, 2024. Sealed Responses should be mailed to the address listed below and postmarked on or before the due date. Hand-delivered proposals can be received at the address below. Please note that the Municipal building is currently closed to the public. Please call (240) 542-2023 before delivery to the building. Electronic copies should be sent directly to the email address below.

Human Resources Department
Attn: City Manager Annual Evaluation and Goal Setting Process
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
dmartinez@greenbeltmd.gov

We appreciate your interest in the City of Greenbelt!

GAFC ANNUAL CLEANING NOTICE

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

The indoor pool & hot tub will close at 8 pm on Sunday, August 18 and re-open at 6 am on Monday, August 26.

The fitness wing will close at 8 pm Sunday, August 18 and re-open at 6 am on Thursday, August 22.

While the indoor pool is being cleaned, the Outdoor Pool will be open:

Monday-Friday	6 am - 8 pm
Saturday	8 am - 8 pm
Sunday	9 am - 8 pm

Fitness Wing will be open the following hours beginning August 22:

Thursday & Friday	6 am - 9 pm
Saturday	8 am - 9 pm
Sunday	9 am - 9 pm

Thank you for your patience and we look forward to seeing you at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center!

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt! For City information and events, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

COMPOST YOUR FOOD SCRAPS

Join Round 2 of Our Composting Pilot Program

For one year your food scraps can be collected for free to reduce food waste and return valuable compost to Greenbelt: Open to all Greenbelt residents. You may join the program in combination with close-by neighbors to help fill the 7-gallon tote for weekly pickup. Purchase the collection tote for a one-time \$20 cost.

Register with Compost Crew at <https://compostcrew.com/greenbelt/>.

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Virtual Seminar, ZOOM

Please join us for a discussion about the everyday positive actions that can make a difference in brain health. This thought provoking presentation will cover key lifestyle habits and modifiable risk factors for dementia that can potentially delay or prevent the onset of Alzheimer's and other types of dementia.

Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6770174016319162454>.

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By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

POOCH PLUNGE!

Saturday, September 7

11 am - 3 pm

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway

Join us on Saturday, September 7 at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for Pooch Plunge 2024! There will be two sessions: 11 am - 12:50 pm and 1 - 3pm. Entry is \$10 per dog, exact cash only please. One dog per handler, and handlers must be 18+.

You must show proof of rabies vaccination to enter and please note, ***tags are not sufficient!*** 50 dogs max per session, first come, first serve. No handlers in the pool and swimming with the dogs is not allowed. You can pick up registration forms beforehand at the Aquatic Center or at the Police booth during the Labor Day Festival!

Development in Greenbelt

New Neighborhoods Rise in 1950s But Obstacles Limit City's Growth

by Jim Giese

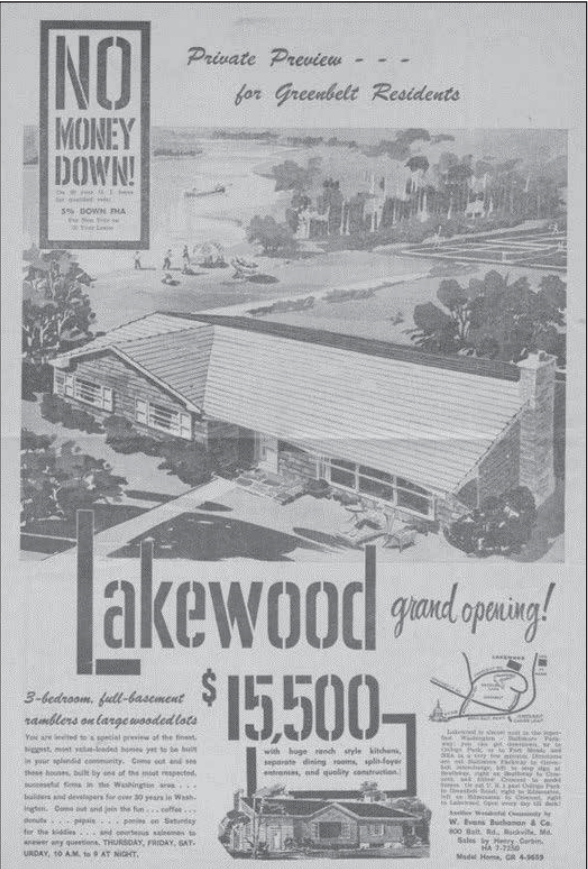
Part 2 of a series, based on Giese's research: The Development and Developers of Greenbelt from Post Government Sale to the 1960s

Having Greenbelt sold by the government (in 1953) to the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation (GVHC), a member-owned cooperative, would seem like a huge win, but not all the residents were happy about the change. Many didn't want to buy into a cooperative, which some felt hinted of socialism; they just wanted to keep on renting. When push came to shove and GVHC ordered the nonmember residents to move out, there were many hard feelings. Meanwhile, GVHC had to refill the vacancies and set up an organization to maintain the homes.

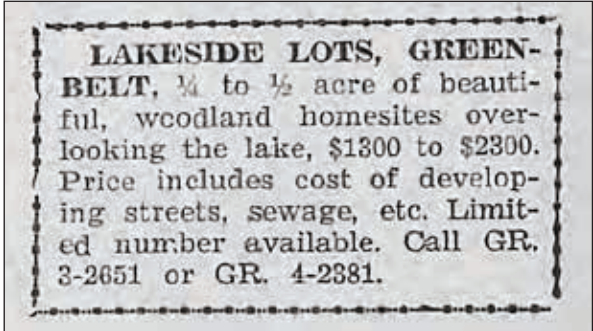
Co-op residents quickly learned that the government had been paying many of the bills they would now have to pay. They were used to high levels of city service and were shocked to see the extraordinary tax rate required by the city to pay its bills, not to mention other taxes levied by the county and state. On top of that, GVHC had to pay property taxes on the vacant land.

With many young families struggling to get a start on life, the high tax bills were a point of great contention. Some residents saw the solution to be for GVHC to undertake new development that would help reduce the tax burden. Others, however, thought the quickest way to cut the tax bills was to sell off the vacant land for a profit and no longer pay taxes on it. GVHC already had enough on its plate so chose the latter option.

Following numerous controversial meetings, the GVHC board of directors ordered the sale of all the vacant land to private interests except for the land purchased from the government by a group of residents to build homes along a new street overlooking Greenbelt Lake – the Lakeside subdivision. With the aid of organizations supporting the cooperative movement, Greenbelt Community Builders, Inc. (GCB) was established to sell the vacant land as a way to protect the original housing and to recoup the costs of buying and owning the vacant land. GVHC had titled its vacant property to a wholly owned subsidiary, Greenbelt Land Improvement Corporation (GLIC). So instead of directly selling the land, parcel by parcel, in March 1955 GCB authorized the sale of the stock of GLIC in its entirety to the realty partnership of Marvin Warner and Joseph Kanter. Land use restrictions were imposed in the sale, one being that



This full-page ad appeared in the August 14, 1958, issue of the Greenbelt News Review.



This ad for lots in the proposed Lakeside subdivision appeared in the Greenbelt Cooperator in November of 1953.

- Photos from Greenbelt News Review Archives

50 percent of the trees had to remain when developed.

At about the same time as their purchase of land in Greenbelt, Warner and Kanter had purchased and were developing 3,400 acres near Cincinnati, Ohio, that had been acquired by the federal government for construction of Greenhills, another of the green towns built by the Resettlement Administration.

Development Begins

Four cooperative subdivisions of single-family homes were envisioned, with the greatest active local interest being with Woodland Homes. To the west of the Woodland property, Green Valley was to be the next development with homes planned along a street connecting Crescent Road to Hillside Road. Also contemplated was Ridgewood, to be built west of Green Valley off the then-unpaved Ridge Road. This property would be divided into two parts with separate cooperative home groups for each.

The Woodland Homes cooperative, which had become Woodway Homes, Inc., bought their 20-acre site from Warner-Kanter in December 1955, and began to construct the streets and homes and to install utilities in 1956. Planning continued for the Green Valley development and had proceeded far enough along that the Warner-Kanter partnership was able to sell the site to J. Wesley Buchanan and Sons in the summer of 1958. The new owners quickly erected 104 single family homes on the development, now called Lakewood. Warner-Kanter also undertook planning for an extension of the Lakeside development toward Greenbelt Road but succeeded in building only the five model homes on Lakecrest Circle that still remain standing and occupied. In addition to the new single-family homes, a few modern, air-conditioned apartment buildings, the Greenbelt Plaza apartments, had been built adjacent to the commercial center by the end of the 1950s. The apartments were Charles Bresler's first development in Greenbelt.

Obstacles

There were significant obstacles to new development. One problem was water and sewer service. While water was obtained from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), the city maintained the distribution system. The city also had its own sewage service mains and a sewage treatment plant (located on property now occupied by the State Highway Administration District 3 Office). The city treatment plant had very limited extra capacity. Tying in to the WSSC system was feasible for the city but would be costly to residents as meters would have to be installed in existing housing. In 1957, the city agreed to turn over its water and sewer systems to WSSC, which would require an act of the state legislature. By 1960, trunk lines had been installed to collect city sewage and the treatment plant was abandoned.

And, more importantly, other major changes were coming, beyond Greenbelt's control.

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GreenCAPS Mosquito Tip: Consider Mosquito Traps

There is much advice on how to get rid of mosquitoes. Some plants are said to repel mosquitoes, but one probably wants to move through one's yard, not just sit in that patch of lemongrass. Certain lamps emitting blue light kill mosquitoes, but they kill a lot of beneficial insects, too. And that famous bucket filled with straw, water and Mosquito Bits? Forgetting to regularly refill the Bits will breed mosquitoes instead of killing them.

So, what about a trap? A University Park study aimed at controlling Asian tiger mosquitos successfully used BG-GAT traps from the German manufacturer Biogents to achieve a significant reduction in mosquito populations. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention developed a similar device with the Auto-cidal Gravid Ovitrap trap. Both kinds of traps are available for purchase in the U.S.

According to Greenbelter Paul Leisnham, EcoHealth professor and department chair at the University of Maryland, female Asian tiger mosquitoes, which are abundant in our region, have been shown to prefer black-and-white small containers with some nutrients as breeding sites. Both kinds of trap mimic these preferences and lure female mosquitoes into a chamber where they are caught on glue cards before they can lay their 50 to 100 eggs, thus preventing reproduction.

Two traps (of either kind) are sufficient for an average-

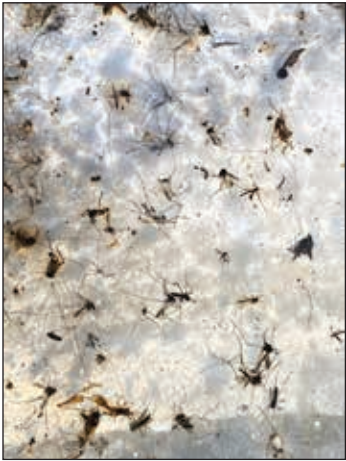


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Female mosquitoes were caught in a residential yard on Lakeside Drive in a BG-GAT trap over 48 hours in August 2023.

sized residential yard. However, a few conditions need to be met. Remove all other sources of standing water so they don't compete with the traps. Also, check the glue cards in the trap after a week or two. If they don't show a sufficient number of mosquitoes trapped, change the position of the traps to a more promising site. Collaborate with neighbors. Place traps every 300 feet in residential areas. The more residents who participate, the more successful mosquito mitigation will be. To learn more, support this work or volunteer, email GreenCAPS (Greenbelt Citizens Avoiding Pesticides) at GreenbeltGreenCAPS@yahoo.com.





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Salmerón, along with Assistant Director of Public Works Brian Kim, showed slides of upgrades made at Springhill Lake Recreation Center which include a newly painted gym, \$350,000 worth of new equipment purchased for ballfield maintenance and a new landscape design installed at Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. Mayor Emmett Jordan asked that Public Works also improve the signs at Schrom Hills Park and McDonald Field. Salmerón explained that Public Works undertakes special projects in addition to handling daily tasks such as picking up trash and cleaning up debris following storms, for instance a tree recently fallen on a city tennis court.

Human Resources

Human Resources (HR) Director Duwane Martinez next identified among the department's recent accomplishments the hiring of two mental health professionals for Greenbelt CARES, 78 summer camp staff in Recreation and five summer personnel for Public Works. HR is also interviewing for two positions at the city's animal shelter and one in economic development. Responding to questions from council, Martinez explained that HR continues to update Greenbelt's employment policies to comply with DEI guidelines. Martinez told Jordan that new software will soon allow HR to better provide statistics on the composition of city staff.

Finance Department

City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon next summarized the department's responsibilities to submit budgets and prepare for audits under various deadlines. The Fiscal Year 2025 city budget, which went into effect on July 1, maintained the salary levels that were established in last year's Compensation Study. Ensuing discussion included the software used to assemble budget documents, but largely focused on assuring council that by the end of 2024 Greenbelt will have fully allocated or spent the \$22.8 million it received from the federal government's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Gaymon declared her staff to be more than ready to provide whatever proof is needed.

Public Information

After listing a number of actions taken by the Public Information Office (PIO) to portray a positive image of the city, Salmerón and council discussed more fully questions regarding recipients' use of social media to obtain information about Greenbelt. About the 56 percent email opening rate, Councilmembers Kristen Weaver and Danielle McKinney wondered to what

extent the 19,000+ recipients examine Greenbelt city emails. Councilmember Amy Knesel said that the number of recipients is likely to drop as the "Oh, wow" effect wears off. Councilmembers asked if Google Analytics or some other similar service might provide data illuminating these questions. They also asked about ads placed by the city in guides designed for tourists and placed in locations such as nearby hotels. These are questions the PIO might help answer.

Economic Development

Next, council turned to the city's Economic Development Department, for which HR is interviewing the top five applicants for manager. Salmerón emphasized, however, that work continues in this area with, for example, a roundtable held recently at Greenbelt Cinema for small business owners. Other such gatherings are planned for hoteliers and other property owners. Salmerón also noted that Greenbelt has provided seed funding for a Jobs and Workforce Center plus an Entrepreneur Lab with computers and other equipment that will, for example, allow users to hold job interviews online after it opens this month in Beltway Plaza. Jordan conveyed a sense of urgency regarding the city's efforts to see that its commercial centers remain stable. Salmerón responded that because the demand for office space has dropped not only here but in general, Greenbelt needs to explore with realtors possible conversions of some buildings to mixed or residential spaces. Greenbelt also needs to further encourage more of the huge number of motorists passing through the city via thoroughfares such as Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to stop and shop. Everyone recognized the need to hire a new development manager as quickly as possible.

Planning Department

Terri Hruby, director of Plan-

ning & Community Development, briefly listed her department's many responsibilities, including to monitor the new Royal Farms gas station and store on Greenbelt Road (scheduled to open August 20), the LOL Child Care Center preparing to open in Beltway Plaza, a bikeway planned for Hanover Parkway, WSSC's water tower rehabilitation project and the Bureau of Engraving & Printing Supplemental Environmental Assessment for constructing a U.S. currency printing plant on Beltsville Agricultural Research Center land. Jordan added the FBI building proposed for construction at the Greenbelt Metro station and the new path to be built between the station and the Greenbelt Station community. Hruby and council also discussed the responsibility of her office to inspect apartments and see that their buildings meet various standards. In response to resident Bill Orleans, Hruby stated that Greenbelt has collected \$2,000 in fines from Royal Farms. Resident Claudia Jones expressed her wish to see the 22 acres of land purchased by the city between Greenbelt Metro and Greenbelt Station be used for recreation purposes rather than for building more condos and apartments.

Police Department

Jordan began the Police Department review by complimenting Chief Richard Bowers on the recent lively discussion with residents at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Bowers went on to list other recent outreach efforts by the department such as walks around Greenbelt Lake and Greenbelt Station, a summer youth program at the police station and completion of an eight-week citizens police academy. Four contact shooting cases (where an individual is shot but does not die) during the fourth quarter were closed after investigations and arrests, Bowers added. The department has also ensured that at least one police

officer trained in crisis management is available on every shift. Bowers also discussed efforts being made by the department to recruit and retain police officers. He explained that the department tries to employ at least 90 percent of the 53 officers it needs and hopes to send three new recruits to the next police academy beginning in November. It seeks to retain officers by providing career enhancement opportunities and by making officers feel that their voices matter and everyone has a place in the building. Bowers stated that new hiring incentives have been effective. He also confirmed that police SUVs include equipment to be used for medical emergencies and that license plate readers will be installed this fall at three sites in Greenbelt.

Recreation Department

Recreation Director Greg Varda reported first on plans to install locked stands for tablets in the lobbies of the Aquatic & Fitness Center, plus a TV screen that will display announcements in English and Spanish along with information often covered by staff that will significantly reduce the wait time for pool entry during the busy summer season. Varda also emphasized the department's commitment to seeing that all participants in the city's summer camps feel

included. Questioned on plans to rehabilitate Braden Field and the soccer field at Schrom Hills Park, Varda explained that summer camps prevented the vendor under contract from starting once the school year ended and the work will require closing those fields for up to eight weeks after Labor Day. Knesel and McKinney expressed frustration about these delays and also those involving playgrounds at Buddy Attick Park and Springhill Lake. Varda reported no problems with preparations underway among city departments working together in advance of the Labor Day Festival.

Information Technology

Brian Kennell, assistant director of the city's Information Technology department, summarized upgrades to the many internet services provided by the city to, for example, block spam and unite the cameras in city buildings and spaces, such as the two cameras with six views now in operation at Schrom Hills Park. Responding to a question from Orleans, Weaver noted additional ways technology companies can make Wi-Fi more broadly available within Greenbelt, which might be explored by council.

CARES

Liz Park, director of Green-
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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred July 29 to August 4, 2024. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported two domestic incidents, including one arrest, and three mental health diversions. On August 4 near 6108 Breezewood Court, a man was arrested for refusing to leave a residence on a court order.

Assaults

On August 1 at 8:15 a.m. near 15 Crescent Road, a man was walking on the trail around the Community Center when another man was running on the trail toward him. The man ran directly at him when they were passing each other, so he pushed him away, and then the man punched him in the face and kept running. He had never seen the man before.

On August 3 at 3:02 p.m. near 9129 Edmonston Terrace, neighbors began fighting, and a woman grabbed a knife and cut the other, causing a life-threatening injury. She admitted to police that she cut the victim and was arrested for assault.

Fight and Robbery

On August 4 at 12:18 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, a group of men were involved in a fight. One took a bicycle and money; he was identified and arrested.

Disorderly

On July 31 at 8:43 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a group of girls were attempting to start a fight with another group who were trying to leave. Officers released one group to their guardians and the other group fled.

Gun and Drug Arrest

On August 4 at 4:04 a.m. near 7500 block of Mandan Road, a man passed out in front of an apartment building had an open bag containing a loaded gun and drugs. He was checked out by

paramedics, then arrested for gun and drug possession, among other related charges.

DUI Arrests

On August 3 at 1:47 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Southway, a vehicle was sitting in the middle of the roadway. The driver gave off a strong odor of alcohol and admitted she'd had a few drinks. Sobriety tests showed she was impaired, and she was arrested for DUI.

On August 4 at 3:39 p.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, a vehicle drove across the sidewalk, disregarding the safety of pedestrians, and crossed all lanes of traffic on Cherrywood Lane. The driver had slow, slurred speech and bloodshot, glassy eyes, and was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

Theft

On August 1 at 10:22 a.m. near 7483 Greenbelt Road, two women stole fake hair.

On August 1 at 1:30 p.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, a woman's purse was taken while she was looking at items for sale.

On August 1 at 3:19 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a man loaded things into his cart and left without paying.

On August 2 at 12:40 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a shoplifter was detained, and was issued a criminal citation and banned from the location.

On August 3 at 2:20 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a repeat shoplifter was seen placing stolen items in a vehicle. The suspect was issued a criminal citation and banned from the property.

On August 4 at 5:34 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman was apprehended for shoplifting and received a criminal citation.

Police are attempting to identify a woman who was recorded

on video shoplifting on several occasions near 6100 Greenbelt Road.

Vehicle Crimes

Vehicles Reported Stolen

On July 31 near 6200 Springhill Drive, a man reported his brother's car stolen but then admitted that he had taken the vehicle without permission.

On August 3 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a vehicle reported stolen had been impounded.

Theft from Auto

Tags were stolen July 29 near 6009 Springhill Drive; July 31 near 9302 Edmonston Road; August 1 near 7574 Mandan Road (the vehicle also had a broken window and ignition damage); August 1 near 8226 Greenbelt Station Parkway (temporary tag); and on August 4 near 9142 Edmonston Court, the sticker was stolen off a tag.

Door handles were broken and airbags stolen from three vehicles: on July 31, near 127 Westway (a 2016 Honda Accord), and near 8001 Lakecrest Drive; and on August 1 near 7251 Morrison Drive.

Wheels were stolen from three Hondas on August 1: near 6100 Breezewood Court from a 2022 CRV (a window was also broken, and a wallet containing cash and cards was taken); near 6320 Golden Triangle Drive from a 2024 Civic rental car; and near 6301 Golden Triangle Drive from a 2023 Accord.

On August 3 near 7807 Mandan Road, work tools were stolen from the bed of a pickup truck that was covered but not secured.

Vandalism to Auto

On July 29 near 9318 Edmonston Road, a windshield and side mirrors were damaged.

City Promotes Beaver Awareness, Shares Reminders for Interactions

We share green spaces with wildlife. The City of Greenbelt offers the following reminders for when residents spot beavers at Buddy Attick Park or elsewhere.

Observe from a Distance

Beavers tend to avoid humans, but anyone spotting a beaver should maintain a respectful distance, especially if accompanied by a dog. Beavers are wild animals.

Do Not Disturb

Beavers build dams and lodges using sticks, rocks and mud. Never approach or touch their structures, as they can become territorial. Admire a lodge or dam from afar. The city is working on placing Do Not Disturb Lodge signs near active beaver lodges.

Watch for Warning Signs

Tail Slapping: Beavers slap their tails against the water's

surface as a warning to other beavers when they sense danger.

Aggressive Behavior: If a beaver is on land, avoid blocking its escape route to water. It may perceive this as a threat and become defensive, rearing up on its hind legs, hissing and growling. Back away promptly.

Beaver Attacks Are Rare

While beaver attacks are uncommon, they can be severe. Seek medical attention immediately if bitten, even if the bite is small.

No Flashlights

Lastly, refrain from shining powerful flashlights at a beaver spotted after dark, as this could disorient the beaver.

This article is based on a press release from the City of Greenbelt.



A beaver at Greenbelt Lake on Monday, May 20

PHOTO BY PATTY HALL

Device Blocking ATM Money Slot at Bank of America

On Saturday, a citizen reported that a device covered the money slot on an ATM at the Bank of America, 7595 Ora Glen Court location. Officers checked the banks in the area for other devices on ATMs and discovered one at the Capital One Bank, 6226 Greenbelt Road. Both have been removed, and the police will follow up with the banks and share this information with other law enforcement agencies.

It was the awareness of a concerned citizen who reported the

suspicious device that led to its discovery and removal. The photo shows images of the devices so that others will know what to watch out for.

It remains unclear whether the devices were used to block the money slot, part of a scheme to steal cash or were being used to create a distraction for other potential crimes.

If you encounter one of these devices in Greenbelt, call 301-474-7200.



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

The ATM at the Bank of America on Ora Glen Drive with a device that had been covering the money slot

- Photos by Barbara Bjanec



Olympic hopeful? A praying mantis stretches on the intersecting bars.



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belt CARES youth and family services bureau, used her review to announce that CARES staff now has consolidated on the first floor of the Municipal Building. The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program (GAIL), a counseling service for seniors and residents of Greenbelt with special needs, will remain housed in the Community Center. These locations allow for privacy. At Green Ridge House and elsewhere in Greenbelt, CARES and GAIL strive to help seniors remain independent for as long as possible. CARES continued to coordinate services with the Police Department for residents in crisis and with mobile wellness vans for the Back-to-School Health Fair, which will take place on Tuesday, August 20, to offer students amenities such as backpacks and haircuts.

Grants
Finally, Salmerón began a discussion about grants by noting that in the fourth quarter the city received one grant for \$105,000 and over \$1 million during the fiscal year. Jordan noted the importance of the city having a grants coordinator, in this case Cary Eure. Eure attributed her success to working closely with department heads. Councilmember Jenni Pompei added that another grants coordinator had told her that adequate support staff and a strategic plan were crucial to seeking grant funding. McKinney wondered if Greenbelt residents with experience in writing grant proposals might help Greenbelt in this effort, to which Weaver replied that the city's Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Green Team helped the city obtain a grant for its food scrap pickup service. Salmerón wondered if a volunteer coordinator might be called for.

Jordan concluded by praising the efforts of council, city manager and department heads to summarize their activities and goals during the last quarter of Fiscal Year 2024.



City Notes

The City Manager met with Tarantino Management about Charlestowne North (now 77 percent leased) and attended a police/community meeting at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Human Resources moved to new offices and welcomed the new CARES clinical supervisor.

Planning, Recreation and the City Manager met about Greenbelt Station recreation amenities. A code inspector attended code-enforcement and confrontation management training.

Animal Shelter residents, after four adoptions, are six dogs, five cats and a kitten.

Environmental/Sustainability cleared trails at Schrom Hills Park.

At the Community Center, the Dance Studio Annex project is complete. Arts opened a new gallery exhibit, hosted an Artful Afternoon and offered a textile workshop for local Girl Scouts. Therapeutic Recreation facilitated Golden Age Club and Senior Summer Book Club meetings.

Summer camp session four began, and the Youth Center accommodated a camp inspection by the Maryland Health Department. Museum staff continued research and administrative support for the Reparations Commission.

CARES attended Capital Area Food Bank's annual food distribution training.

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Shortly after GVHC acquired the vacant land, it learned that the new inter-county belt connector (to become the Capital Beltway) would be built through Greenbelt, dividing the largest parcel of vacant GVHC land as well as the recently sold vacant land west of Edmonston Road. Greenbelt, once isolated in a rural setting, was soon to become a major crossroad for the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, which had opened in October 1954, and the to-be-built inter-county freeway. Not only that but a major National Aeronautics and Space Administration facility, to become Goddard Space Flight Center, was to be built just east of the city. The two-lane road from Greenbelt to Branchville to

the west and to Glenn Dale to the east was to become a state highway with four or more lanes to serve Goddard. Another new state highway (Route 201, Kenilworth Avenue) was to be built to replace Edmonston Road. It was intended to become a truck bypass for U.S. Route 1 traffic through congested College Park and would have an interchange with the new freeway.

New Master Plan

What was then the Greenbelt Master Plan had to be re-done. County planners and many city residents wanted the plan to be completed before approving additional land development.


Deanna Dawson contributed to this article.



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Upper Level 1 Bedroom GHI Home Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Remodeled kitchen. Full-sized washer/dryer in separate laundry room.
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multiple stations set up for folding, soaking and dyeing, Zanin, and a crew of Community Center employees, walked all comers through the intricacies of the fabric art. She will be running a second workshop on Sunday, August 11 at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Instructors talked about fan-folds, spirals, sunbursts and more complex stitched folds. The glory of it all is that the process is hidden. Once the folds are in place and the rubber bands wrapped around the fabric, the dyeing is done by squirting. Participants can't see what their completed works will look like until everything is unwound and the dye is set. Even for the artist, the work is a mystery.

Dyeing appeals to her science teacher roots, Zanin said. She had been a science teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools until 2019 when she crashed on the Great Sand Dunes in Colorado. "I was hospitalized for traumatic brain injury. I did eventually get therapy, but it was delayed due to Covid," she said.

Zanin said she is still recovering and finds art, music and nature very helpful. "In February 2023 I started helping with the Winter Youth Musical costumes. I've been having fun getting back into teaching and being involved in the community."

The tie-dye workshop was easy for bringing in all levels of expertise. It was also an opportunity for Zanin to bring two of her hobbies together. "I'm the founding trumpet player in the Greenbelt Honk! Situation. Our uniform is tie-dye, so that's fun to just keep bringing joy visually and musically," said Zanin. The tie-dye flags that Honk! will use in the Labor Day Parade were created on the Community Center lawn during the workshop.

Zanin has plans for other workshops including a felting project she has already scheduled for September. "I want to bring joy, confidence and skills to all," she said. "I teach art at the Community Center, textiles, sewing, needle felting and tie-dye."



Vanessa Zanin, left, explains tie-dye folding techniques to Aileen Kroll and Bode Kroll-Rosen during the Artful Afternoon event on Sunday, August 4.



Ana Fernandez-Napp, a member of the Community Center staff, helps soak the fabric to get it ready to dye.



Toby Nash works the dye into the folded fabric.



Iris Yanes shows her work in progress.

- Photos by Amy Hansen



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public on Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1 from 1 to 6 p.m., and on Monday, September 2 from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors can vote for their community favorites on Saturday and Sunday.

Everyone is invited to share one's performance talents with the community at the Rising Stars showcase on Sunday, September 1 between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., with the chance to win a \$50, \$100 or \$200 prize. Preregistration is required by Sunday, August 25.

The Retro Town Fair will also take place on Sunday, September 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Greenbelt Museum house at 10-A and 10-B Crescent Road. Ribbons will be awarded in a number of categories: flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods and needlework/sewing. Items should be dropped off between 10 and 11:30 a.m. that morning.

The deadline to register for the parade is Friday, August 23. The parade will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Labor Day Monday along Crescent Road, between Greenhill Road and Southway. Organizations, clubs and other groups are encouraged to participate.

More information and links to registration forms for all these events, as well as the many other Festival activities, can be found at greenbeltlaborday.com. Get ready for bands, bingo, books, booths, BBQ and bubble tea, not to mention all the sports contests and carnival rides.

Anne Gardner is a member of the Labor Day Festival Committee.



PHOTO BY KELLEN MURRAY

Good Dog: one of last year's winning photos, by Kellen Murray.



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Ukulele players, led by Artist-in-Residence and teacher Rachel Cross, perform outside the Community Center on June 2.



Outstanding Citizens

Each year the Outstanding Citizens Committee selects a Greenbelt resident whose voluntary work over the years has made an impact on the quality of life in the city. It is important to remember, acknowledge and recall them and in due course Greenbelt will have many more Outstanding Citizens to celebrate.

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- 2022, Maggie Cahalan
- 2021, Shaymar Higgs
- 2020, *No award – Covid-19 Pandemic*
- 2019, Lore Rosenthal and Michael Hartman
- 2018, Greg Fisanich
- 2017, Paul Downs
- 2016, Rick Ransom
- 2015, Solange Hess
- 2014, Kathleen Scott McFarland**
- 2013, Eric Zhang
- 2012, John Henry Jones
- 2011, Sylvia Lewis
- 2010, James K. Giese
- 2009, Jean Cook
- 2008, Leonie Penny**
- 2007, Barbara Likowski**
- 2006, Marsha Voigt
- 2005, Jay Remenick
- 2004, Patricia "Patti" Brothers Strange**
- 2003, Emory A. Harman**
- 2002, Virginia W. Beauchamp**
- 2001, Konrad Herling
- 2000, Leta Mach
- 1999, Rena Hull**
- 1998, Lawrence M. Hilliard
- 1997, Michael F. Vaccaro**
- 1996, Paul Rall**
- 1995, Otilie Van Allen**
- 1994, Mary Lindstrom**
- 1993, Dorothy P. Pyles**
- 1992, Michael Burchick**
- 1991, Benjamin Rosenzweig**
- 1990, Joyce Chestnut
- 1989, Florence Holly**
- 1988, Bruce Bowman**
- 1987, Sandra Lange
- 1986, David Lange
- 1985, Mary Lou Williamson
- 1984, Joe Morales
- 1983, Albert Herling**
- 1982, Charles Schwan**
- 1981, William Hoff**
- 1980, Clara Brandt**
- 1979, Ralph Noble**
- 1978, James Cassels**
- 1977, Leo Gerton**
- 1976, Kenneth Buker**
- 1975, Henry Fisher**
- 1974, Elaine and Alfred Skolnik**
- 1973, Albert Cousin **

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